IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: Jeffrey S. Smith MAKOTO SATO Art Unit: 2624 Application No.: 10/677,377 Conf. No.: 9735 Filed: October 3, 2003 For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD. PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR GENERATING A DIFFERENCE IMAGE FROM A FIRST) RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE AND A SECOND RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE (AS AMENDED) January 24, 2008

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action of September 24, 2007, to January 24, 2008. A Deposit Account payment in the amount of \$120.00 in payment of the extension fee is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, the Response to Requirement for Information begins on page 11 and the Remarks begin on page 13.